GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF SPURIOUS FERTILISERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the farmers all over the country including Andhra Pradesh have been incurring huge losses because of spurious fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the farmers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c): To ensure adequate availability of quality fertilizers to the farmers, the Government have enacted Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The order provides that only such fertilizers which meet the standards laid down in the said order, are manufactured/imported and sold to the farmers. There are 66 laboratories in the country with an analyzing capacity of about 1.20 lakh samples per annum to test the quality of fertilizers. The State enforcement agencies periodically draw samples from manufacturing units and their dealers to test the quality and take necessary action against offenders under the provisions of Fertiliser (Control) Order/Essential Commodities Act.